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WEATHER REPORT
Fair and colder tonight; temperature about 24 degrees; Saturday fair and continued cold. General to moderate northwest winds.
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DELEGATION IS BUSY

Virginia Senators and Representatives Working Early and Late in Interest of Old Dominion.

While Virginia has not been to the front on the floors of congress so far this session the Virginia delegation has nevertheless been very busy. There has been much committee work and if they had nothing else to do some of the members would have been much occupied in taking care of the communications Uncle Sam's mail carriers brought them. Judge Harrison, for instance, the newcomer to the national halls of legislation, has been very much surprised at the size of a congressman's mail. The worries about the Virginia boys on the border have brought a perfect deluge of letters to the delegation. Many of the folk back home seem to think that all a congressman has to do is to make a request and straightway the rest of the nation will accede to it. Despite efforts of Senators Swanson, Martin and Representative Glass, who were especially interested in the return of the Virginia troops, the First Virginia will not get home until the time mentioned a few days ago in the Gazette.

There are a number of things pending in which Virginia has special interest. The armor plate plant decision may be a month off. Where appropriations are to be made it is doubtful whether Virginia will get much, for there will be a big fight in all probability on the public buildings bill and the rivers and harbors bill. Representative Montague appeared before the rivers and harbors committee and made a strong argument for the James river improvement. The representative's personal friendship for the chairman of that committee might be supposed to be an asset, but the whole bill may go by the boards. The following Virginia items will be found in the public buildings bill to be considered after the holidays: For postoffices and government buildings—Alexandria, $75,000; Harrisonburg, $60,000; Roanoke, $75,000; Staunton, $85,000; West Point, $25,000; Bristol, $80,000, and Norfolk (to include courthouse), $650,000, not exceeding $200,000, of which amount is for additional land.

Senator Martin has been more active on the floor than any other Virginia legislator, though Mr. Flood took prominent part in the discussion on the diversion of the waters of the Niagara river, and as chairman of the committee on foreign affairs in the house, reported the diplomatic bill. Mr. Holland offered a bill to authorize the secretary of the treasury to cause to be secured an adequate site in or near Norfolk and the erection upon it of a marine hospital. Senator Swanson duplicated in the senate the bill introduced by Mr. Carlin in the house looking to the settlement of certain claims between citizens of the United States and Chile.

Mr. Harrison introduced in the house the same bill which Senator Martin introduced in the senate, "to supplement existing laws against restraints and monopolies." Another important bill was Senator Martin's for the erection of a monument to the memory of Matthew Fontaine Maury, which passed the senate, but may not get any further. A few Virginians are affected by bills introduced by Messrs. Langley and Powers for the allowance of certain claims of back pay growing out of service in the army and navy during the civil war.

Gordonsville Man Killed Aboard Ship

Newport, News, Dec. 28.—G. A. Mundy, 28 years old, of Gordonsville, Va., employed as head foreman on the British stock transport Volumnia, was killed in a fall aboard the ship December 19, while the steamer was makin gher return voyage to this port from Gibralter.

Mundy fell through a hatchway, into the hold, a distance of 30 feet, striking his head. Death was almost instantaneous. The body was buried at sea. He is survived by his parents at Gordonsville, Va.

Lynnhaven Bay Oysters on Half Shell, Pint or Gallon. Jacob Brill, Foot King Street.

WILL WELCOME TROOPS

Richmond Committee Engaged in Raising Fund of $5,000 for Entertaining Virginia Soldiers.

Plans for the welcome for the First Virginia Infantry were discussed yesterday at a meeting of about thirty members of the committee appointed by Mayor George Ainslie, of Richmond to plan for the reception to the troops. The meeting was held in the Business Men's Club, where the entire committee will again gather today to further consider the matter.

Committees for the solicitation of funds to cover the cost of the welcome have already started work. The general committee has been subdivided into a number of committees with two members each. These committees will undertake to raise $100 each. Letters have been sent to many prominent business men asking for contributions, while the newspapers of the city are all co-operating in receiving contributions. It is proposed to raise $5,000 to cover the cost.

No definite plans for the welcome will be made until it is known with some degree of certainty how much money there will be to spend.

The troops will reach Richmond over the Atlantic Coast Line. The regiment will travel in three sections, with Colonel Perry and his staff on the last train. Major Lawrence T. Price, chairman of the transportation committee, is trying to get the railroad to bring the three trains into Richmond as closely together as safety will permit. A part of the reception committee will meet each section with a band and escort the men to the armory in which they will be quartered. Here a light luncheon will be served. It is probable that a big parade will be held the following day and one or more balls given for the returning guardsmen, who will be eager to meet and mingle with young folks once again.

WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES.

Address to be Given in this City on "The Legal Status of Women."

On Thursday, January 4th, at 8 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. George Uhler, in north Washington street, Mr. Jacob Paul Ernst, professor of law at George Washington University, will deliver an address on "The Legal Status of Women," before the Cameron Club, Each member of the club will be allowed the privilege of inviting two guests.

Miss Helen Norris Cummings, president of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, was recently given a luncheon by the Woman's Club of Newport News. Covers for twenty were laid at the Hotel Warwick, and among the geusts was the president of the Hampton Woman's Club.

Miss Cummings was one of the receiving line at the large reception given at the Virginia Club to the Auxiliary guests at the Southern Commercial Congress in Norfolk.

The chief work of the Roanoke Woman's Club League this winter will be an effort to secure a Carnegie Library, for Roanoke, and the Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with them.

Miss Mabel Hailey, of Ontario has been made chairman of the Home Economics Committee for the Federation.

COMMENDS BIRTH CONTROL

Chicago Professor Says It Releases Mother for Higher Things.

Chicago, Dec. 29—A motherhood that demands more than the mere bearing of children was discussed by speakers at a meeting of students of social evolution held yesterday at the Chicago Woman's Club.

"The nation that limits its birth rate is not necessarily degenerate," said Prof. Herbert L. Willett, of the University of Chicago. "France has gloriously disproved that. Birth control really means releasing the mother from the necessity of continuous child birth for her own good and for the higher motherhood. The question is not primarily ethical. It is biological."

Tile fish, pollock, Jersey trout, lake trout and winter shad will be on sale the balance of the week by Geo. E. Price and Co. 303-1t

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mrs. Frank M. Hill, left this morning for El Paso, Texas, to visit her son, Mr. Frank M. Hill, jr.

Two white men were before the Police Court this morning charged with being drunk. They were dismissed.

Clerk N. S. Greenaway, of the Corporation Court, has received a letter from Judge J. B. T. Thornton stating that he will hold court at Manassas on January 2; hence he will hold court in Alexandria next Monday, New Year's day at 11 o'clock.

The First Baptist church Sunday school will give its Christmas cantata, "Santa's Wonderful Gift," in the main auditorium of the church this evening. The schoo lis noted for the excellence of its Christmas exercises and the one to be held this evening promises to be fully equal to any ever given by it. The committee in charge is: Miss Edna Barnett, Mrs. U. W. Pitts, Mrs. T. L. Finks, Miss Sadie Pitts, Miss Kate B. Preston, Mr. J. L. Foster and Mr. W. P. Kerrick.

The Christmas dance of the Alexandria Assembly held last night in the auditorium of the Elks' Home in Prince street, was one of the largest and most enjoyable of the many delightful dances given by that organization. The music was excellent and at 11 o'clock a buffet supper was served. Among those present were Mrs. Hughes, of Berkley, Cal.; Miss Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rich, of Washington; Prof. Legh Reid and Mr. Reid Dunn, of Harvorford College, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Harris, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Matilda Witmer, Miss Katherine Waller, Miss Clarence Snowden, Miss Mary Snowden, Miss Julia Nicol, Miss Margaret Dyke, Miss Bertha Waite, Miss Sue L. Balentine, Mrs. H. P. Wilson, Mrs. Lycurgus E. Uhler, Mrs. Frank S. Harper, Mrs. Robert South Barrett, Mrs John Hunton Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett C. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. John Chester Freeland, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. William Wattles, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wattles, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Mauchlin Niven, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Warfield, Mr. Albert D. Brockett, Mr. Robert Standing, Mr. Carroll Pierce, jr., Mr. James Frank Carlin, Mr. Chas. Page Waller,jr., Dr. Vivian P. Berry, Mr. Repass, Mr. Philip Dawson, Mr. Eugene B. Taylor, Mr. Wallace Fawcett and Mr. Edward S. Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Brown are the week-end guests of Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brown, at their home in Culpeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKenney, formerly of Alexandria and who have been the guest of relatives for several weeks left this morning to return to their home in El Paso, Texas.

The police today picked up two strange boys they found in the streets, and after taing them to the station house the youngsters gave their names as Ralph Walker and Emmet Enright. They said they are 14 years old and that their parents reside in Norfolk, and that they were three months ago placed in a school at Bristow, Prince William county, They escaped from that institution this week and made their way to Clifton station, where they paid their way on a train to this city. Chief Goods today telegraphed the parents of the youths.

One of the prettiest of the holiday dance was that given last night by Miss Julia Benton Hopkins at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Hopkins, in North Washington street. The parlors, halls and library were beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday season and in the dining room the table centerpiece was a Christmas tree reaching to the ceiling, festooned with tinsel ropes and colored electric lights. Pistorio's Orchestra played in the conservatory, opening from the parlors. During the evening delicious refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. George D. Hopkins and Miss Duffey assisted Miss Hopkins in entertaining her guests. Those present were Miss Eleanor Buckman, of Woodlawn, Miss Frances Pryor, of Monterey Bay, Cal., Miss Elizabeth Tyree, Miss Zelma Tyree, Miss Elsie Brown, Miss Grace Fox, Miss Mary Fox, Miss Elva Rothrock and Miss Hazel Jones, of Washington, Miss Mary Hunt Roberts, Miss Collins Jones, Miss Marie Gasson, Miss Hilda Schneider, Miss Lucy Anderson and Miss Sarah Cox. Mr. Samuel Tinsley Dent, Mr. Emmons Smith, Mr. Wilber Alderman, Mr. Julius Maedal, Mr. Roger Whitaker, Mr. Charles Stone, Mr. James Willard Ragsdale, Jr., and Mr. Tus Quang Quang, of Washington, Mr. William Campbell, of Charlestown, West Virginia, Mr. Tupper Barrett, Mr. Waller Barrett, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. Chester Pierce, Mr. Edwin Pierce, Mr. Charles C. Carlin, Jr., Mr. Allen Roberts, Mr. Charles Bruce Morton, 2nd, Mr. Thomas W. Wattles, Mr. Laurence Fawcett and Mr. Edwin Graham.

Mrs. F. E. Ludwig, of Braddock Heights, is recovering from a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Harris, of Knoxville, Tenn., are the guests of Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris, at their home in Rosemont.

Miss Virginia Bouldin, of Richmond, is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. Dr. Berryman Green and Mrs. Green at the Seminary.

The Sunday school Christmas celebration of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the church.

Mr. William Campbell, of Charleston, W. Va., who is attending the Shenandoah Valley Academy, is the guest of Mr. Tupper Barrett, at his home in Duke street.

Miss Mildred Rider, of Washington, is the guest of Miss Mamie Lindsey and Miss Marion Lindsey, at their home on Braddock Heights.

The body of Mrs. Christina Abendschein, who died in Washington yesterday afternoon, will be brought to this city for interment in Union cemetery on Sunday afternoon. She was a former resident of Alexandria and is survived by a daughter and three sons.

Little Miss Virginia Wilkins entertained at a dance yesterday afternoon, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Maurice Wilkins, in north Columbus street. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Charles Keith Carlin, Mrs. Kenneth Ogden, Miss Hilda Schneider and Mr. Chas. C. Carlin, jr., assisted little Miss Wilkins in entertaining her guests. Master C. Keith Carlin,jr., was guest of honor.Other guests were Miss Frances Fauntleroy, Miss Katherine Leadbeater, Miss Margaret Ogden, Miss Margaret French, Miss Susan Smoot Thomson, Miss Dorothy Morton, Miss Louise Carlin, Miss Carolin Rust, Miss Elizabeth Rust, Miss Elizabeth Swan, Miss Dorothy King, Miss Frances Cox, Miss Adelaide Risdon, Miss Aubrey Williamson, Miss Inez Moore and Miss Evelyn Peake, Masters Edward Leadbeater, Joel Leadbeater, Courtland Warfield, Moncure Morton, Dan Stansbury, Charles Shepperson, Armistead Boothe, Everett Swan, Stanley Swan, Richard Kemper and Paul Barrett. The favors were pink butterfles, horns, cornucopia's of candy and confetti, The decorations were in green and red, and the ices were in the shape of Christmas stockings with a minature Santa Claus on top. The cakes were red and green to carry out the holiday idea.

OLD STUMP TREASURE VAULT.

Selinsgrove, Pa., Dec. 29.—After having postponed from time to time the destruction of a stump near his barn, ever since he bought the farm, three years ago, S. H. Kline, residing three miles west of McClure, Snyder county, decided Wednesday, just for a little exercise, to remove it.

He had worked but a little while when his pick struck an earthen jar, and gold and silver coins rolled out on the snow. Kline labored with feverish anxiety until he had extracted the jar, when he gathered up the spilled coins, and clutching the jar in his arm, galloped his horse to the bank,

When Cashier Benfer told him his find was $1343, the excited old man fainted. Half of it was in paper money of 30 years ago, issued by the Miffin National Bank, Lewiston, and the First National Bank of Selinsgrove, and in good preservation.

Kline paid 1400, for the farm. People of the community are at a loss to explain who secreted the money.

NOTICE—The members of Alexandria Council No. 5 Order Fraternal Americans, are requested to meet at their Hall (I. O. O. F.) North Columbus St., tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Mathew W. O'Brien.

By order of the President:
303-1t JAMES R. MANSFIELD, Sec

SEES WORLD PEACE IN 1917.

Dr Powell Predicts Year Will Bring Universal Love.

Old Man 1917 is going to bring peace with him when he arrives Sunday night, according to Dr. Louise Cutts Powell, a graduate of the University of California, who lectured in Washington this week.

"The year 1917 vibrates to universal love many reforms and philanthropies, world peace, better art and drama, new ideas in various subjects, and a kindly feeling toward all fellow men," she stated.

Dr. Powell is a disciple of the belief that the careers of men and women are dominated by vibrations of the body.

Miss Agnes Plaskett entertained Wednesday evening in honor of Messrs Chas. Sullivan, James Duncan and Joseph Chauncey, of this city and Henry W. Eastewood, of San Antonio, Texas, who are here for the holidays from the University of Virginia.

Citizens National Bank

Alexandria, Va.,
December 28th, 1916.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, a regular semi-annual Dividend of six per cent was declared, payable on or after January 2, 1917, to stocholders of record.
303-3t. RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

THE DAILY VERSE

My Four Roses
By C. L. F.

Down in my little garden grows
A red, red rose.
And there where everything is neat
I know you'd find a rich, rare treat
To smell and admire that flower so sweet.

But in that cottage you will find
A rarer rose of another kind.
With smiling face and form that's bent
Like an Arab who's worshipping in his tent.
Is my mother sweet, with a life well spent.

Just beyond that mystic wall
Is a fair rose, slender and tall;
This is a rose that helps in strife
And gladdens my steps in the walks of life.
That tall, stately rose is my wife.

I love my red rose, wife and mother,
But still, in my garden there is another.
With dimpled cheeks and ruddy nose
Painted by the gentle breeze that blows---
She is my sweet little, dear baby rose.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The members of Osceola Tribe No. 1, I. O. R. M., are requested to attend the funeral of brother Frank Kast, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his late home, 515 Oronoco Street. Members of Seminole Tribe are also invited.

By order Committee.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

DEMANDS STATUS QUO

Allies Want Restoration of All Captured Territory and Distribution of German Navy Among All Allies.

London, Dec, 29, 12:21 p. m.—The Spectator devotes the greater part of tomorrow's issue to answering President Wilson's question as to what are the peace terms of the entente allies. Briefly summarized, the principal demands, as outlined by the Spectator, follows:

"The peace terms are to start from the status quo before the war thus including the evacuation of the whole of northern France, Belgium and Luxemberg, and of all lands taken from Serbia, Roumania, Russia and Montenegro.

"Alsace-Lorraine is to be restored to France. The Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein is to go to Denmark, and Posen, Polish Prussia and Austrian Poland are to be added to the new subkingdom of Poland which the czar has pledged to create.

"The Slavs of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia, etc., are to be created into a new kingdom.

"Bohemia to be an independent state,.

"The Roumanian section of Transylvania to be added to Roumania.

"The whole Austrian tyrol, plus Triest, Istria and the other portions of Austria which are Italian in blood or feeling, to be added to Italy.

"Turkey to yield Constantinople and the straits to Russia.

"The Armenians to be put under Russian tutelage.

"The Arabs to be freed, while Syria, Asia Minor and Mesopotamsia are to be under external protection guaranteeing tranquility.

"The German colonies to remain in the hands of the entente. Moreover, a money indemnity for the ruin Germany has done in Belgium, France Serbia, Montenegro, etc.

"As regarding shipping, Germany to make reparation in kind for all ships of commerce destroyed, ton for ton, neutral shipping to be replaced only after all the demands of the allies have been satisfied.

"The German navy to be handed over and distributed among entente nations.

"As a guarantee against future war the allies are to insist upon the democratization of the German government.

"The Kiel canal to be neutralized under an international non-German commission, including the entente countries, the United States and other neutrals."

J. FRED BIRRELL APPOINTED

Delegate From Alexandria Succeeds A. J. Wedderburn on Revenue Agent's Force.

J. Fred Birrell, of Alexandria, has been appointed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue a deputy collector for duty under assignment of Revenue Agent S. R. Brame, Mr. Birrell succeeds Alexander J. Wedderburn, who died in Washington on December 24.

Mr. Birrell is a member of the present House of Delegates, representing Alexandria city and county. He was previously connected with the revenue service as a special employee under Revenue Agent T. H. Vanderford.

Mr. Birrell is well known throughout the State, and he was strongly endorsed for the position made vacant by the death of Deputy Collector Wedderburn.

The celebration on Christmas Day in the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged was a treat to the old ladies Miss Margaret Dyke gave a beautiful tree and Mrs. Thomas A. Fisher gave the decorations and money to purchase a present for each member of the household. Members of the board of governors sent individual presents and everything was done to make Christmas a pleasant event.

The slides in Culebra Cut in the Panama Canal have practically been overcome, according to information made public by the Panama Canal Board yesterday. It is announced that the channel in the cut now has a minimum depth of 33 feet, enabling the largest merchantman to pass through.

EAGER TO END THE WAR

Emperor Charles Showing a Desire to Be Independent of Germany and Make Peace With Italy

Washington, Dec. 29.—Continued agitation by Germany for peace in the face of the apparently immovable opposition of the entente powers, was last night accepted in Washington as most encouraging development in the peace situation.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, reiterated his declaration that Germany is earnest in her desire to end the war.

Diplomatic Washington accepted this statement as indicating that the central powers may be willing to go further in stating their definite peace aims.

The German Embassy made it clear that a statement of the terms proposed by the central allies— in more or less definite form—is now available to the United States, under seal of secrey.

The German Embassy was emphatic in its declaration that the peace advances of the central powers were bona fide, and in denying published reports that the peace proposals were designed to forestall a serious break with the United States over the question of submarine warfare.

London, Dec. 29.—It is an open secret here the Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary is desirous of concluding a peace at the earliest possible moment, and to this end is likely to make separate overtures to Italy for the conclusion of hostilities between these two countries.

Since his succession to the throne, the new Emperor has shown a spirit of independence anything but pleasing to Count Tisza and the other members of the Potsdam party in the Cabinet of the duel empire, His country has had to bear the brunt of the economic hardships of the Central Powers and is now on the brink of starvation. His readiness to strike a separate bargain with Italy, looking toward the eventual retirement of Austria from the entire war, is therefore evident.

The part to be played by Austria in the next stages of the peace negotiations is the most significant feature of the situation today.

Of all the bigger belligerents Austria has suffered most from war casualties and economically and financially. No matter how soon peace is made Emperor Charles will rule over a country almost on the brink of ruin. Economically Austria's plight could hardly be worse. Under the tutelage of Count Berchtold, former Foreign Secretary, the Emperor is trying to clean out Burian and other tools of Count Tisza. In his short reign he has shown clear-sightness, determination and a sincere desire to break away from the grip of Germany.

NOTICE

Munsey Building.
Washington, D. C.
December 28, 1916.

To the Stockholders of the National Manganese Corporation:

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Manganese Corporation will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 11:15 o'clock, a. m., at the office of the Corporation at 107 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., at which time such business as may come before the meeting will be considered, and directors for the ensuing year elected.
303-td. Miss L. M. CLARKN, Sec.

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

Gas bills for quarter ending Dec. 1, 1916, having been delivered; this is to notify all gas consumers that all bills paid on or before Jan. 1, 1917 will be entitled to a discount of 30 cents per 1000 cubic feet. After that date no discount will be allowed and all delinquents will be required to make an early settlement.

By order of committee on Light.

J. B. WALLER,
CLERK OF GAS.
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DISMISSING THE PILOT.

When the Present Kaiser became the ruler of the German empire one of his first acts was to make conditions unbearable for Prince Bismark; and that great statesman was eventually compelled to resign his position as German Prime Minister. London Punch, on that occasion published a cartoon representing Germany as a huge ocean liner. Bismark is descending to a small boat, while the young emperror is watching from the main deck. One line under the picture told the story—"Dismissing the Pilot."

According to dispatches from Europe Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary is preparing to perform a similar feat. It is said that the new ruler shows a desire to be independent of Germany, and is about to dismiss all his pilots and "go it alone." Austria, it is alleged, is anxious to end the war, and is ready to make separate overtures to Italy. The country of Charles is nearly ruined as a result of the war, and the new ruler is not disposed to go down with Germany.

If conditions in Germany and Austria-Hungary are approximately what the dispatches from different European capitals state, it is high time the belligerents were becoming "clothed and in their right minds." Starvation is said to face the great mass of the inhabitants, while people have dropped in the streets and expired from starvation and others have been driven to suicide.

While there is still much uncertainty as to the outcome of pending peace overtures, there seems to be a hopeful glimmer running through them all.

Germany, it was made known in Washington yesterday, will not permit the road to peace negotiations to be blocked by a refusal of the entente belligerents to enter a conference without proper knowledge of her terms. It has been forecast that the Entente Powers would base a refusal on such a condition.

The Central Powers are represented as willing to permit a confidential exchange of broad tentative terms through President Wilson, should it become necessary to do so to bridge the gap which threatens to prevent a gathering of peace delegates. There are broad intimation that a statement of this position by Germany eiither had been communicated to the United States Government or soon would be.

William Bayard Hales, wires from Berlin that Germany's response to President Wilson is in full agreement with the conciliatory spirit which animated the Thanksgiving interview Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg granted the correspondent.

Two things on the face of the present situation deserve recognition:

First. The promptitude of Germany's response, which was delivered practically instantaneously, considering that it arrived in the Christmas holidays, when Wilhelmstrasse was practically deserted.

Second. That it was transmitted openly by wireless, because the response is a candid utterance intended for the ears of the whole world.

But far beyond these superficial considerations lies the fact that the German response to the President bodly carries the whole subject of the restoration of peace to an advanced and lightly elevated stage in its dramatic challenge to the belligerents to meet at some neutral point immediately for an exchange of views towards the ending of the slaughter by the exercise of human reason.

Fast and far has moved, this Christmastide, the peace impulse within the bosom of the suffering world.

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know."

SEVEN FAT AND LEAN KINE.

In the early history of the world, we read of significant dreams of one of the Pharaohs of Egypt. The story is well-known; hence there is no need of reproducing it. The dream, which was doubled, foretold seven years of plenty which were to be followed by seven years of scarcity and famine. A young Hebrew slave, at that time in prison suffering wrongfully on a baseless charge, explained the awful import of the dream. Pharaoh believed him and ample provision was made during the seven years of plenty to bridge over the distress which prevailed in other countries by reason of the dearth.

The United States seems at present to be in the midst of its seven years of plenty. The pay of machanics and laborers have reached figures what would have been regarded as phenomenal two or three decades ago, and men are in demand nearly everywhere. Business has long been booming.

One of the city departments of Baltimore states that it can employ five hundred men at $2 to $2.25 a day. Advertisements meet with few responses, as most of the laborers are attracted from the Monumental City to munitions plants here and there.

Forecasts of conditions which will prevail in this country at the close of the war in Europe are being made by observant people in different sections. No doubt there will be hasty departures from mushroom cities and towns, and the recession of the tide of prosperity will in many cases be rapid.

The influx of foreigners into the United States will be great, as thousands will naturally flee countries ruined by the war and seek homes in the new world. In a short time the supply of labor is likely to exceed the demand, wages will naturally decrease under such conditions, and those receiving a surplus of this world's goods will see the wisdom of retrenchment.

History is ever repeating itself. the tide has been flowing and ebbing since man was placed upon the earth, and is likely to continue to do so until the end.

PEACE PROSPECTS

(Baltimore Sun)

Not since the war began has there been so much uncertainty regarding actual conditions in the belligerent countries as exists today. Reports that Germany is starving conflict with reports that so far as food supplies are concerned she can continue the war indefinitely. Reports that England is now ready and determined to make her real great effort of the war are contrasted with reports that she is suffering seriously from the operations of the German submarines and will be utterly unable to cope with the latter if warfare becomes unrestrained. In the case of both Germany and England the truth probably lies somewhere between the extreme views, but there is no certainty in this country as to what the truth is.

Yet the success of the present peace efforts not improbably depends upon the internal situation in the countries involved in the fighting, particularly Germany and England. If Germany is in desperate straits, she may consider peace terms that will be satisfactory to the Entente Allies. If England, France and Russia, or one or more of them, are in greater straits than the world now suspects, they may be ready to agree to terms incompatible with their present defiant talk. Otherwise the war is likely to go on.

In the absence of knowledge of real conditions, any comment as to the meaning or the probable effect of the German notes and the replies of her enemies can be nothing more than speculation. It may represent a shrewd guess, but it will still be a guess. The American people may reflect, however, that President Wilson and his advisers know more about actual conditions in each of the belligerent countries than anyone else in the United States. And this, too, is probable, that whenever peace comes it is bound to be preceded by just such an interchange of notes, just such contradictory announcements, as are now taking place.

It is reasonable, therefore, to hope that peace is not so far distant as surface indications would indicate.

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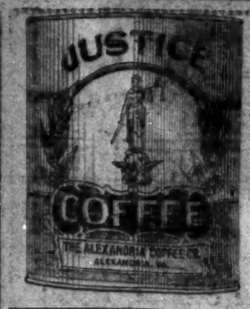

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Specific Gravity	1.017 per ct.
Total Solids	4.896 per ct.
Extractive Matter	4.610 per ct.
Alcohol by Volume	.370 per ct.
Alcohol by Weight	.300 per ct.
Ash	.132 per ct.
Sulphuric Acid	.017 per ct.
Phosphoric Acid	.031 per ct.
Nitrogen	.023 per ct.
Equal to Albuminoids (Nx6. 25)	.143 per ct.
Acidity as Lactic Acid	.090 per ct.
Preservatives	None

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ADAMSON EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Trouble Expected Should Statute Not Become Operative Next Week.

New York, Dec. 29—"Put the Adamson eight-hour law in effect on January 1, or we will not be responsible for what happens."

This was the ultimatum delivered yesterday by the Brotherhood to the railway managers at an executive conference in the Grand Central Station.

A flat rejection of the demand was made, and the Brotherhood heads abruptly quited the conference chamber.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the national conference committee of the railways, gave out a statement last night, in which he expressed the determination of the railways to await the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Adamson law test case. If the law is upheld, the railroads will give the men back pay from January 1, Mr. Lee added.

The Brotherhood chiefs were positive in their declaration that this would not be satisfactory to the 350,000 railroad employes represented by them.

"No matter what we might think individually of your proposal," the managers were told, "we cannot hold back the men from striking, if necessary, to win their rights. The men know that unprecedented prosperity has come to the railroads. They know that bonuses are being given to workers in other industries in every part of the country.

"They feel that the President and Congress gave them the Adamson law and intended it to go into effect January 1. And they intend to secure their rights under the Adamson law beginning January 1."

One of the railroad representatives after the meeting said:

"I consider the situation more critical than it has been since the stirring days of last September. I should not be surprised if sporadic strikes should break out next week. Some men may get away from the leaders but I do not expect a general strike.

"The brotherhood leaders know that if they countenance a general strike before the Supreme Court decided the Adamson test case, Congress would pass the compulsory investigation act overnight. The Supreme Court's decision may be expected about February 1. That means one month's overpay—or about $5,000,000 will be held in abeyance for the men. This sum will be paid, providing the constitutionality of the Adamson law is upheld.

"If the Supreme Court's decision is against us, another meeting with the representatives of our employes will be held to interpret the law. For instance the law distinctly states that all railway employes shall work 8 hours a day. We have no doubt but what men in the passenger service were included, men who under present schedules w rk as a rule only five or six hours out of the twenty-four."

Another bit of secret history of the negotiations between the Brotherhoods and President Wilson was revealed yesterday. It became known that the President has pledged the "Big Four" another law in the event the Supreme Court throws out the Adamson act.

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It was brought back to this country in the same boxes in which it was sent abroad, and in which it has been kept for nearly 13 years.

This gold represented the first importation in the form of American gold eagles since the present movement began. The bulk of the previous receipts was in bar gold and other forms.

DEAD AND INJURED BY TORNA

Property Damage Estimated at $3,000,000—Railroad Communications Badly Interrupted.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 29—The death list in the storm Tuesday afternoon which swept over South Central Arkansas remained at twelve tonight, It is probable that fifty or more persons were injured.

No accurate estimate of the property damage was available to-night although some reports indicated that the loss might reach $5,000,000.

WATSON RESIGNS.

Pressure of Business Causes Retirement From Democratic National Committee.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Clarence W. Watson, former United States Senator, yesterday announced his resignation from the Democratic National Committee. Pressure of business was given as the cause, Mr. Watson having arranged to spend a considerable part of the coming year in Russia.

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Germany will inaugurate 1917 with a ruthless submarine warfare on all shipping, according to Armgaard Karl Graves, the self-styled former German spy who recently was arrested on charges of blackmailing Countes von Bernstorff. "The pledges given this country will be forgotten," said Graves.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Brothers Brick Company will be held at the principal office of the company, No. 111 South Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at twelve o'clock, noon.

WILLIAM D. WEST, Sec.
Dec. 28. Jan. 2

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing years and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A. M. McLACHLEN, President.
L. P. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the German Co-Operative Building Association No. 5. All series will be held Thursday January 11th, 1917 at 7:30 p. m., at their office 612 King street, Alexandria, Va.

JUSTUS SCHNEIDER, Sec.
303-td.

NOTICE

The First National Bank
December 27th, 1916.

At a meeting of the board of directors held this day, the regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent (6 per cent) and an extra dividend of 3 per cent were declared, payable on or after January 1st, 1917.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
302-4t.

Daily food demonstrations in the chief cities of Austria-Hungary, telling of the great misery, with hundreds of suicides during December, are reported by dispatches from Geneva.

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WELLS FARGO & CO'S MELON

Express Company Declares Dividend of $33.33 a Share.

New York Dec. 29—An extra dividend of $33.33 a share was declared yesterday by Wells Fargo and Co., in addition to the semi-annual disbursement of $3. The company announced it had definitely retired from the banking business, in which it has been engaged for many years.

The extra dividend, it was explained, was paid out of the income from investment securities and not from the company's express business earnings.

The declaration of the extra cash dividend today recalls the 300 per cent. cash dividend declared by Wells Fargo in 1909 and carrying with it the right to subscribe to $16,000,000 new stock at par. This was one of the biggest "melons" ever cut in Wall street.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8.30 a. m. By order of the president.

A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.
292 td.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.
295-td.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
288-4w.

ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier,
288-td.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., January 9th 1917 at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.
289-td.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE—That the undersigned will, on the 16th day of January, 1917, or as soon thereafter as his application may be heard, make application to the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for license to order, purchase or receive pure grain, ethyl or pure fruit alcohol, for the use of the laboratory of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, not to be used contrary to the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia of 1916.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

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